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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kai Albrecht et al.
Appl. No. : 09/997,981
Filed : November 29, 2001
Title : Method and Device for Synchronizing Processes which are Performed
on a Plurality of Units
Art Unit : 2121

LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on November 29, 2001 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration as required by the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application dated December 17, 2001.

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 601.01(a).

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$110.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith. Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A..

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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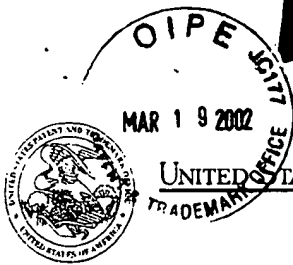
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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